



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Les White

SUBJECT: Richey Army Reserve Center

DATE: April 7, 2006

INFORMATION

The United States Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment, recently informed our office that the Richey Army Reserve Center (8.6 acres located at 155 West Hedding Street) has been selected for closure. The closure approved by Congress begins a "base realignment and closure" (BRAC) process leading to vacation and disposition of the site by the year 2011.

Department of Defense procedures allow local governments the option to form and be recognized as a Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) for the purpose of soliciting interest in and planning for the reuse of the property. Alternatively, local governments may choose not to form an LRA, instead participating in the process through consultation with the Army as it solicits interest in the property and decides on the method for disposal of the property. The site is currently designated in the General Plan as Public/Quasi-Public and Zoned R1-8 (Residential). We are also aware that the County of Santa Clara has an interest in acquiring the property.

After examining the requirements for creating an LRA and the Department of Defense's request that action is taken by April 15, 2006 we have determined it best to forego the opportunity to form an LRA. We will work with the County of Santa Clara to identify mutually beneficial uses of the property for submittal to the Department of Defense at a later date.



Les White
City Manager

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